FORTS AND HARBORS.

General Humphreys' Report on River and Harbor Improvements.

HELL GATE APPROPRIATIONS.

Torpedoes and Their Value in Maritime Warfare.

The annual report of General A. A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, has been completed. It presents Engineer Department during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1876, sketches those which are now in progress, and makes numerous recommendations for the future. The main features of the report are in-

The number of officers holding commissions in the corps of engineers of the United States Army at the end of the fiscal year was 107 on the active list and five on the retired list. The latter, however, under the law of January 21, 1870, are not available for duly. In the duties devolving upon the corps by law the employment of a number of seignification and assistant enumbers has been necessary.

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On the subject of seacoast and lake frontier defences General Humphreys says:—

During the past year the work upon our seacoast detences has progressed as rapidly as good workmanship and the amount of the appropriations granted would permit. The cose of the late civil war found the naval armaments of maritime nations provided with new and powerful devices which they had not possessed prior to the experiences of that conflict, fron-plated ships, invalinerable to shelfs, propelled by powerful engines, armed with rifle ordinance of large callore, and capable of navigating the ocean, were the outgrowin of the period of our late civil war. The seacoast works of that day for defence against and resistance to navigating that alone proportioned and constructed for armaments of much less weight and power than those new in existence, and the satety of our commercial cities, navy yards and war depots required that the seacoast delences existing in 1865.66 should be materially strengthened by enlargement, in some cases, of their paris, the addition of other works, the adoption of some new appliances and the introduction of heavier armaments.

After a careful study of the subject by the Corps of Engineers, and with the light afforded by the experience of actual conflict between seacoast detences and the new naval armaments, the system to govern the luture construction of our works was elaborated in 1869, and will be found stated in detail in Executive focument No. 271, House of Representatives, Forty-first Congress, second session, where it will be seen the system received the approval on the General of the Army and the Secretary of War, and since then has been repeatedly indorsed by the action of Congress, leaves mortar batteries, with parades and traverses of heavy mortar batteries, with parades and traverses of heavy mortar batteries, wi

vessels from running past the batteries and reaching the cities or depots beyond them. Works of this character have been steadily in progress since 1869, and in many of our harbors are well advanced toward completion, but in hone of the harbors are these alterations limished, while in some of our important harbors along the Gulf coast the works are scarcely commenced.

Regarding the pressing necessity for the completion of the works in advance of hostitutes General Humpireys quotes from his remarks of last winter to the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, and ados:—

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Repeating these views and impressed by the importance of the subject, involving, as it does, such great national interests, I again urge the preparation of our harbors for successful resistance against the incursions of the powerful iron-clads of the present day.

The estimates for appropriations which he earnestly recommends are the following:—For completing the defensive works at the points named.—Fort Preble, Periland harbor, Me., \$50,000; Fort seammel, Portland harbor, N. H., \$24,000; Fort Sarren, Boston harbor, \$50,000; Fort Winterop, Roston baruor, \$50,000; Fort Independence, Boston harbor, \$50,000; Fort Winterop, Roston baruor, \$50,000; Fort Schuyler, East River, Mass., \$30,000; Fort Adams, Newport harbor, \$40,000; Dutch Island, Narragament Bay, \$37,000; Fort Trumbuil, New London, \$40,000; Fort Schuyler, East River, N. Y., \$50,000 (the Chief of Engineers says with reference to this estimate that the vast importance of the channel and the fact that the removal of the obstructions at Heil Gate is rapidly progressing remiers it highly important that work should be resumed at the parliest peasible mement); fort at Wilet's Point, New York harbor, \$80,000. This appropriation is advocated in the following terms:—"A large appropriation is urgently needed, not only on account of the importance of the channel to be protected, but also because the pondition of the work is such that apid and costily deterioration results from leaving it exposed in its present unfinished condition." Fort

Fort Jefferson, Tortugas, \$25,000; Fort Pickens, Pensacola, \$75,000.

Fort McKee, do., \$50,000; Fort Morgan, Mobile Bay \$75,000; Fort Jackson, Mississippi River, \$25,000; Fort Jackson, Mississippi River, \$25,000; fort at Fort Point, San Francisco Harbor, \$60,000; fort at Lime Point, San Francisco Harbor, \$60,000; fort at Lime Point, San Francisco Harbor, \$50,000; fort at San Diego, Cal., \$50,000, and Fort Stevens, Columbia River, \$20,000.

THE VALUE OF TORPROORS.

General Humphreys also invites special attention to an estimate of \$150,000 for torpedoes. He says:—

This most valuable invention of modern wariare is used to form an obstruction and obstacle to the entrance of our harbors and to hold the enemy's vessel under the fire of the shore batteries. The charges in the torpedoes are fired by the electric current, and many parts of the system cannot be obtained in an sunergency. It is to procure and store such portions of the apparatus as cannot be speedily obtained in the event of sudden hostilities that the appropriation is asked.

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bor, VL, \$6,000; Provincetown harbor, Mass., \$4,000, and Oak Orchard, N. Y., \$800.

THE AROUNT TO BE ALLOTTED.

General Humphreys says:—
In determining the amounts to be allotted to each work named reservence has been had to balances on hand of previous appropriations for the works specified. All these improvements, for the continuance of which parts of the appropriations have been allotted, are, in my judgment, clearly national allotments to improvements of leaser magnitude, and in consequence are indispensably necessary to protect that already done. The officers in charge of the improvements were notified of the amounts allotted, and the works are now being conducted on this basis. Operations have not been commenced upon the new works of improvement provided for in the last River and Harbor act.

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The report also epitomizes the detailed accounts given by the various officers of the river and harbor improvements, &c., now in progress under their respective managements, together with a statement of the amounts which these officers estimate can be profitably expended during the next fiscal year. Among these estimates are the following:—For improvement of the Mississippi River, between the mouths of the Mississippi River, between the mouths of the Mississippi River, \$15,000; for the Upper Mississippi River, \$91,500; for the Rock Island Rapids, \$50,000; for the improvement of DesMoines Rapids, \$135,000; for the mouth of the Mississippi River, \$150,000; for the Otho River, \$650,000; for the Massissippi River, \$150,000; for the Otho River, \$66,000; for the Wabash River, \$145,000; for the Mississippi River, \$150,000; for removing snags and wreeks from the Mississippi, Missouri and Arkansas rivers, \$555,000; for the improvement of the Harlem River, \$66,000; for removing obstructions in the East River and Hell Gate, \$600,000; drawfling the Hudson River opposite Jersey City, \$76,800; improvement of Harlem River, \$50,000; improvement of Harlem River, \$50,000; improvement of Harlem River, \$50,000; improvement of Outsit Harbor, \$10,000; improvement of Wilmington harbor, \$14,000; improvement of Olocut Harbor, \$10,000; improvement of Oswego harbor, \$300,000; improvement of Olocut Harbor, \$10,000; improvement of Olocut Harbor, \$10,000; improvement of Olocut Harbor, \$10,000; improvement of Missington harbor, \$200,000; improvement of Olocut Harbor, \$30,000; improvemen

A STREET RAILEOAD MUDDLE,

COMMENCING TO LAY A NEW BOAD ON FOUR-TEENTH STREET WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.THE WORK EN-JOINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BAILBOAD COMPANY. Another controversy between competing street rall-

road companies has arisen which promises to turnish considerable employment for the courts. The story of Railroad Company commenced on Friday morning from Fourth avenue, for which they had previously obtained no permit from the Commissioner of Public Works. The fact was reported to that officer late in the afternoon, and immediately an order was given to the Police Department to stop the work. This was done at five o'clock on Friday afternoon, but yesterday morning operations were again comply with the orders of the Police Department a number of workmen were arrested and taken before the Washington Place Police Court in the afternoon. This effectually stopped the work of laying more rails, but subsequently to the arrests some men commenced to replace the stones that had been taken up from the

to replace the stones that had been taken up from the street. Commissioner Campbell, however, went up there and put a stop even to that.

The Commissioner claims that the railroad company has no power to commence laying a road without a proper permit from ins office, even if the company had legislative authority. He did not order the police to make the arrests, but they, of course, would sustain him in enforcing authority. The work was commenced entirely without the knowledge of the department, and had they not been interfered with it is presumed that labor would have continued all Friday night, in order to get the track down as soon as possible.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD STREET COMPART

claim that they required no permit whatever from the Commissioner of Public Works in order to build the road. They say that in the original charter of the Bieccker Street Railroad Company was a franchise giving them the right to construct a road on Fourteenth street, and also the power to lease this right. This was accordingly done to the Twenty-third street into, and upon this the latter company claims the right to construct. Some time since a few of the stockholders of the Bieccker street road claimed that the lease was invalid; but the Court ruled against them, and said if the Twenty-third street road was paying them for rights which they (the Bieccker street road) had no power to lease, why, the more foolish were the purchasers.

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Measars. Flanagan and Bright, attorneys for the Twenty-third street road, say that this company is not constructing the work on Fourteenth street at all, but on the contrary that they sub-leased the right purchased by them from the Bleecker Street Railroad te the Christopher and Tenth Street Railroad, and the latter company is prosecuting the work. Mr. Jacob Sharp is President of both the Twenty-third street and Christopher and Tenth street roads, and Measars. Flanagan and Bright are stockholders in and attorneys for both. They deny the right of Commissioner Campbell to stop the work, and threaten to put an effective injunction on that officer should be persist in refusing a permit to the builders.

THE CROSSTOWN RAILROAD COMPANY.

And now comes another party interested in the case, viz., the Crosstown Railroad Company, of which Mr. J. H. Slawson is the president. They denied before the Commissioner of Public Works, yesterday, the right of the Twenty-third street road to build on Fourteenth street, and asked that before such a permit is granted they may be given a hearing. The maiter now lees in statu quo and will be thoroughly investigated by the Commissioner of Public Works, who will first obtain advice from the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Simon Sterne is the attorney for the Crosstown Railroad Company, and yesterday protested against a permit being granted until a hearing could be had from the Crosstown line. He says the protest is entered mainly on the grounds of an existing constitutional amendment relating to street railroads, which prevents any street railroad from being built without the consent of property owners and the authorities that control the streets where such a road is intended. He says that under the amendment relating to street railroads, which prevents any street railroad from the measure of the consent of the fourty

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

REVIEWING THE SCHEDULE RATES-BROKERAGE AND REBATE CONSIDERED.

Since the sensation in insurance circles caused by the action of three of the foreign companies in with-drawing from the National Board of Underwriters, and as stated in the Heltalo, the matters pertinent to their action and to the question of rate have been brought up in the meetings of the underwriters and have

tional boards, has been the subject of much discussion, and the meeting of the New York Board of Underwriters -a board separate and distinct from the National Beard of Underwriters-held on Friday was a meeting adjourned from the regular monthly unfinished business, and had no relation whatever to the recent action of the Royal, the North British and Mercantile, and the Lancashire, as the withdrawal of those companies from the National the New York Board, in which, at the meetings on Friday and yesterday, these companies were repre-

At twelve o'clock yesterday a meeting was held at the room of the Board, No. 156 Broadway, and it was a full representation of all the leading companies. The principal subjects discussed at both meetpast few months, have been how to secure more correct discrimination in the charges for insurance, based upon the actual hazards, and how to secure a more thorough co-eperation on the part of all substantial companies, whether members of the Board or not, in maintaining and protecting the established rates.

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THE NATIONAL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS is considered by the companies represented in the Board and all of the foreign companies represented in the Board express themselves as in heavy accordance with its intentions, powers, rules and regulations, and the action of those companies which have withdrawn is deprecated as in one seuse demorshizing although the others stand firm, and, as the three months' notice by the Lancashire his but shortly begun, it is hoped that the action of the company may be reconsidered before the time expirer. A careful collation, made in 1874, of the annual returns of thirty-eight companies transacting the largest business in the country, embracing their roturns for all of the years of their business stance 1883, showed that while they had earned \$271, 293,398 593 13, showing a loss of \$12,615,285 14. The whole insurance business in the accompanies as a whole, and und

CHEAP CABS.

the New York Cab Company, Limited, offer the following explanations to the public with regard to their plan of operations. It will be read with interest not only by those financially interested in such matters, but by the public at large.

To build a stable to hold 150 cabs, 440 horses, put attaching steam power complete, purchase 440 horses, 150 cabs, harness for same, uniform for drivers, and

attaching steam power complete, purchase 440 horses, 150 cabs, harness for same, uniform for drivers, and have the outfit complete, and have sufficient to stock the estatolishment and put 150 cabs at work.

It is estimated that each cab will carn an average of \$1 per day over all expenses, which would be \$3,000 a month fof twenty-six days), or \$46,800 per annum, on one-half of the capital stock.

The expenditure of \$250,000 more will give an addition of 200 cabs, with the necessary number of horses and outfit complete. The addition of 200 cabs, at the same rate of carnings, would give a net result of \$100,200 per annum.

The estimates for expenses cover everything—wear and tear, superintendence, ground rent, &c. A subscriber will not only get his ten per cent in coupons, but the number of cabs can be increased from year to year from surpus carnings, until the stock will have as great value as cab stock has in Paris, London and other Continental cities.

It will undoubtedly be the policy of the company, after having arranged for the building, &c., of 150 cabs, to purchase from owners of cabs their cabs and horses, and pay for the same in stock or cash, and employ the drivers, if men of good character, and who will comply with the rules of the company. By doing so they will remove opposition and give to deserving owners of single cabs steady employment and an opportunity to participate in the profits of the company.

An instrument can be obtained by this company to attach to each cab, which will register during the day the number of rides, the time occupied, and report when the cab returns to the stable, automatically, the amount the driver must account for. This will be an effectual check upon drivers attempting to return less than the cab returns to the stable, automatically, the amount the driver must account for. This will be an effectual check upon drivers attempting to return less than the cab returns to the stable, automatically, the amount the driver must account for. This will be an effectual check upon

THE CHEAP HERALD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD

I was surprised to find the news agent at the Centrai station in New York still demanding four cents for Heralds when I passed through there yesterday. I thought you had stopped all that nemsense some time ago by exposing the dealers who made the overcharge. Yours, &c., DAVISON BROWN.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:
The newsucaler at the Sturvievant House continues
to charge four cents per copy for the HERALD, and no
other newspaper pedler is allowed on the premises.
November 26, 1876. REGULAR BOARDER.

CURBSTONE MERCHANTS.

Considerable annoyance is experienced during the holiday season of the year by poor persons who un-dertake to sell poultry, fruits, vegetables, &c., on the idewalks in various parts of the city, frequent raids

sidewalks in various parts of the city, frequent raids being made upon them by the police. By reading the following ordinance, passed by the Board of Aldermen on motion of Mr. Morris, those people can ascertain how to obviate such difficulties;—
Resolved, That permission he and is hereby given to any and all persons who may be residents of this city to sell on the sidewalks or streets, and not to obstruct more than one-quarter of the same, between the 15th day of December and the following its day of January, in each year, traits, name, poultry. Christmas greens and any other holiday goods of any kind, providing they obtain, in writing, the consent of the occupant of any store or unitding in front of which such goods are to be exposed for sais. This privilege to take effect immediately.

INCENDIARISM.

SOMETHING IN WHICH PERPETRATORS SHOULD BE DISCOVERED AND CAGED.

Within the past two years there have been a great many barns and stables, bay and grain, burned in Queens county, mostly on the north side, farmers in the town of North Hompstead being the greatest sufterers. In most cases there have been well-grounded suspicions that these fires were the work of incendiaries; but in only one or two lustances have the suspicions become sufficiently a certainty to warrant arrests, and up to the present time no conviction has een secured. The case of the Albertsons, father and two sons (colored) is one in point. They were arrested last year, charged with setting fires at Flower Hill, North Hempstead, and placed in cells at Flushing. The younger son, it is alleged, was by some father hearing of this confession attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a pocket knile borrowed from a fellow prisoner. When he had sufficiently recovered from the wound he had an examination, was indicted by the Grand Jury, and while lying in the Queens County Jan awaiting his trial died, it was at first supposed from polson; but, as the doctors afterward decided, from physical exhaustion. There were many people living in expressed their belief that he was innocent, and now they do not hesitate to say that the old man was quently placed on trial, but the jury acquitted him, he being nothing but a child, and it being assumed that, if guilty, he had been influenced to his guilty action by his father and brother. It is now understood that the age, will not be tried, notice to this effect having been

age, will not be tried, notice to this effect having been served by District Attorney Downing spon counsel for the defence, and the interence is that the District Attorney has come to the conclusion that the charge cannot be sustained by satisfactory evidence.

This conclusion seems to be warranted by facts which have recently come to light, through the investigations of Detective Stephen Payne, instituted by direction of one of the insurance companies interested in recent losses. Payne has become satisfied that most, it not all, the incending litres which have occurred on the north side have been the work of one man. He has never believed the Albertsons guiliy of setting the Flower Hill fires, and now he is more than ever satisfied of their entire innocence. Payne's suspicious point most s rongly to a German farm hand named John Menzler, and this man, having been arrested, is now awaiting examination in the Queens County Jail.

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It has been ascertsined that on the occurrence of at least six fires by which barns or stacks have been consumed, including those at Flower Hill and several others in the woods, Menzier was in the immediate neighborhood; that in several instances he was first at the fire, and that his movements were of a suspicious character. The fact of his being in the different localities is readily explained. Though what is termed a good worker on a larm, he is of an uneasy disposition, and has never kept a situation for any length of time. He was at Mr. P. C. Barnum's in the winter of 1874; thence he went to work for Conrad Schuit, of Norwood Station, agreeing to work for him a year. He stayed only about four months, however, when, as he rays, he went to work for a Mr. Hoffman, at Foster's Meadow, because the laster offered him more wages. He was, hewever, here arrested for stealing \$14 from Mr. Schult, and sent to the County Jail for thirty days. When arrested be was enjoying himself with the stolen money at a German picnic. When taken to jail this time he denied ever having been there before, but subsequently confessed it.

The Bris fire with which Payne seeks to connect Menzier occurred at Henry Howlett's in October, 1875. Menzier alleges that he was in bed at the house of Mr. Adrian Oncerdonk, for whom he worked, when the alarm was given; that he dressed himself, went to the first to give the alarm.

The second fire was at the place of Mrs. Willets, in February, 1876, while Menzier was stull at work for Mr. Onderdonk. He says he was also in bed there and saw the light of the lire shining into nis window belore he gave an alarm, and went and worked at the fire. Mr. Onderdonk testifies that he heard Menzier come to the house and go up to his room, and that he then gave the alarm immediately—nat going to be at atail. Subsequently Menzier reported that while working at the fire he had lost a silver watch which he had bought only a short time before from another farm hand, known as Dutch Henry, and he tried to

lose, and gives as a reason for his criminal deceit that he worked hard at the fire and thought he ought to have something for it.

Fires at James Onderdonk's at Mr. Howell's and then at Adrian Orderdonk's, where Menzier lived, followed each other in quick succession. His explanation of his movements in each case was similar; he was in bed when the starm was given, though he was at the fires with surprising alacrity, and his stories are contradicted in important particulars by the people with whem he hived. The fire at Adrian Onderdonk's occurred on the 20th of March last.

Menzier went to hire with John Maloney on the 13th of October, and on the 9th hiss the fire at 4 sac N. Willet's place occurred. Menzier says he was not asieep, but was in his bedroom fixing his bed, and was the first to see the fire and give the sharm. The barn, which was entirely destroyed with its contents, was only about 200 yards from Maloney's that this was the fourth fire which he had been the first one to reach, the three others being at Flower Hill.

Menzier is an ordinary looking German, apparently about thirty years old. He says he came to this country in September, 1873, but it is understood that there is evidence that he came before that time. Payne thinks he has a good case against him.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

the following business of importance was transacted:— Engineer of steamer Edward Hogan was transferred from Engine Company No. 9 to Engine Company No. 7; Assistant Engineer of steamer John How trans-ferred from Engine No. 7 to Engine No. 9; Assistant Foreman Henry Schuck transferred from Engine Company No. 34 to Chemical En-gine No. 5; Assistant Foreman John W. Van Orden transerred from Chemical Engine No. 5 to Engine No. 34; Assistant Foreman John Cornesky transferred from Engine No. 4 to Engine No. 29; Assistant Foreman Andrew Lyna transferred from Engine No. 29 to Engine No. 4; Fireman George S. Searles transferred from Engine No. 10 to Engine No. 25; Fireman James Cassidy transferred from Engine No. 10 to Engine No. 6 to Engine No. 10; Fireman Thomas Foley transferred from Engine No. 13 to Hook and Ladder No. 7 to Engine No. 16; Fireman Jacob Lambrecht transferred from Hook and Ladder No. 7 to Engine No. 16; Fireman Jacob Lambrecht transferred from Hook and Ladder No. 4; Fireman Daniel McKnight transferred from Engine No. 4; Fireman Daniel McKnight transferred from Engine No. 35; Fireman August Woering transferred from Engine No. 35; Fireman Hook and Ladder No. 6 to Hook and Ladder No. 3; Fireman Theodore Ernst transferred from Hook and Ladder No. 6 to Hook and Ladder No. 3; Fireman Theodore Ernst transferred from Hook and Ladder No. 18; Fireman John H. Campbell transferred from Engine No. 18 to Engine No. 18; Fireman James W. Gallagher transferred from Engine No. 18 to Engine No. 19; Fireman Richard F. Kinehan transferred from Engine No. 18; Fireman Richard F. Kinehan transferred from Engine No. 18 to Engine No. 19; Fireman John H. Campbell, of Engine No. 18; Fireman John H. Campbell, of Engine No. 18, was fined five days' pay; was fined five days' pay. A new tender for Engine No. 48; being built in the repair yard, and also a spare truck undergoing repairs. gine No. 29; Assistant Foreman Andrew Lyna trans

THE COMPTROLLERSHIP.

The local politicians have exhausted themselves during the past week in surmises as to the Comptrolduring the past week in surmans as to the Competen-lership. Mr. Green's five years term of office expired on Monday last, but no attempt has yet been made by Mayor Wickham to designate a successor. Some of Mr. Green's friends still claim that the Mayor and Board of Alderman have no power whatever in the premises. They found this assumption on section 25 of the charter of 1873, as already explained. Tammany men assert that there is no foundation whatever for this view of the law, and that the Mayor will send in Mr. John Kelly's name for confirmation, at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to be held to-morrow afternoon. In the event of the latter course using adopted of course it is thoroughly understood that Mr. Kelly will receive a sufficient number of votes in the Board fo secure his election for the place. But then a ramor comes that Mr. Green intends to hold on to the office until the courts can determine who is legally entitled to the place. It he should conclude to adopt this poincy the controversy may go on until the assembling of the next Legislature. Neither the Compiroller nor the Mayor would yesterday give the singulest in immition as to what they intend to do in the tuture. Another statement comes from the City Hall that Mr. Wickham is desirous of permitting the matter of appointments to remain over until Mayor Ely enters upon his cuties. Roard of Alderman have no power whatever in the

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

The foremost topic with City Hall statesmen-Who is going to be Comptroller in place of Andrew H.

Hugh Hastings, Judge T. J. Campbell and ex-Assemhigh Hastings, Suggest 2. S. Campber and personal at the Mayor's office yesterday.

The tax office received \$1,856,796 83 for real and personal saxes during the past week. The Croton water receipts during the same period amounted to \$19,099 32.

Mayor's Marshal Kelly issued 192 licenses during the past week, for which he received \$349 75.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

G, Old Guard, Twelfth regiment, N.G.S.N.T., are invited to astend the funeral, this (Sunday) afternoon, at hail-past one o'clock, from his late residence, 72 7th av. THE WOMAN SAID TO BE STARVED DITS OF NATURAL CONSEQUENCES. The sensational story of the poor woman, Cecilia Cox, whose husband was a scafaring man, named Edward Cox, and who neglected her and let her die of starvation at No. 102 Washington street, is purely apocryphal. The woman died, as Dr. Merrill's certificate states, of "phthisis" and of exhaustion in giving birth to her child, and there was no question of starvation entering into the matter. The HERALD reporter vesterday visited the premises at No. 102 Washington way through the dim and dismal entry and up an endless staircase to the wretched chamber where

dence, 104 Monroe st., near Hedlord av. The remains will be taken to Cypross Hills for interment.
Colarian.—In this city, on the 23d inst., Payrick Colarian, of Kings county, Ireland, in the 73d year of his age.
Friends of the family are requested to sitend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 568 2d av., to-day (Sunday), at half-past one P. M.
Cooley.—Suddenly, on Monday, November 20, Patrick H. Cooley, aged 47 years, eldest son of John and Margaret Cooley.
His remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery, on Wednesday, November 22.
Concklin.—Suddenly, on Friday, November 24, Henry C. Cookells, son of Walter W. Concklin.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Monday morning, 27th inst., at half-past ten o'closk, from the residence of his parents, No. 107 West 11th at, without further noite.
Connah,—At Orange Valley, N. J., on Friday morning, 24th tost, John Connah, of the late 8 fm of John & E. Connah, of this city aged 45 years.
The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, at half-past two P. M. on Monday, 27th inst. Carriages will be in attendance at Valley station to meet the train leaving New York at 1:10 P. M. from foot of Barciay st., on Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway.
Chow.—On Friday morning, November 24, 1876, Robert Crow, Jr., in the 29th year of his age.
Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 223 West 15th st., on Monday, November 27, at one o'clock, P. M.
Cherry,—Binder Cherry, wife of the late James, on Friday, November 24 and stend the funeral, from her late residence, 24 James st., at one o'clock.
Cushman,—On Friday, the 24th inst., Branamir Robson Crishan, son of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Church of the Annunciation, 14th st., between 6th and 7th avs., en Sunday, the 26th inst., at five o'clock P. M.
Dally,—On Monday afternoon, at two o'clock.
Dally,—In Brooklyn, Friday, November 24, way through the dim and dismal entry and up an endless staircase to the wretched chamber where the poor woman with her baby on her breast were exposed. The woman all anound, Mrs. Haley and Mrs. McLionaid chief among the number, expressed their indignation at the statement that the woman in the coffin was a victim of starvation. To the reporter it was clear, from all he learned, that the starvation theory was utterly out of the question. The people about the uniortunate woman, though blunted in their instincts, appeared still to have enough of bumanity in their natures to succor any unfortunate one of their class, and that they did so in the case of Mrs. Cox abundant testimony was forthcoming. It was a good and unselfish act on the part of Mr. Michael Duffy, the under taker, of Nos 50 and 52 Greenwich street, to give his services gratuitously to the decent burial of this woman. He paid out of his own pocket for her grave in Calvary Cemetery, and he undertook all the 22-pehases attending her interment. He also refused the \$17 collected by the neighbors. Her husband only landed yesterday morning from the steamer Taus, of the Oid Dominnon line, but when he learned the situation of affairs he departed to see some seafaring friends and was seen no more. Comment, upon his conduct was of a very severe character, and if Mr. Cox, the mariner, who left his wife and child to be bured at the charity of steamers had shown himself he woule have been summarily dealt with. The body of the poor woman presented one of the most pitable sights that could be seen. Her cheeks were sunken in so far as simost to appear to meet, and her teeth projected through her lips. Her case was one of extraordinary philisis, and no matter how well the woman was fed her bouily condition would have been emaciated. The women who knew her said she had a great appetite, and that she never wanted for food.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD: An article in some of the daily papers headed "Starration in New York" has attracted general attention and comment among people interested in the charities connected with the different institutions of this city. connected with the different institutions of this city. I beg that you will allow me space to contradict the statements made therein. Mrs. Cox did not die of statewation; she did die of consumption, of which she was ill many months. She did not suffer for the want of proper medicine or lood. Her child died from lack of vitality. It was her first child, and extremely feeble and puny. Her neighbors, poor as they are, gave of their little means and helped her in every way. Any further facts can be sacertained without difficulty if desired at the New York Dispensary and proof in abundance given that the whole story of starvation is a sensational one.

H. G. CHASE, M. D., New York Dispensary.

A WORTHY CHARITY.

Seven or eight hundred persons, nearly all children will be provided with dinner at the Five Points Mis-sion on Thanksgiving Day. This time-honored institution is the pioneer in mission work in that locality. The ladies distribute what remains of food to the needy families in the neighborhood on the following day instead of feeding a multitude of bummers on Thanksgiving Day. Last year they divided food on the day after Thanksgiving to about 300 families. Assistance in food, clothing or money is urgently sollicited.

solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the reposs of his soul; thence to the Cemetery of the Holy Cross, Flatiush.

Hissins.—On Friday, November 24, in the 63d year of his age, Mauricz Hissins, a native of Chatletowa Roch, county Cork, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 48 New st., this Sunday, at two P. M.

King.—On Friday, November 24, of scarlet fever and diphtheria, Edwin E. B. Kine, son of Henry and Frances King, axed 6 years, 6 months and 24 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his purents, 167 4th st., Jersey City, to-day (Sunday), at two P. M.

Kinwax.—At his residence, 155 waverley place, Daniel Joseph Kinwas, in the 33d year of his age.

Notice of his funeral in Monday's paper.

Kelly.—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr.

James Flannery, 128 Henry st., Widow Jank Kelly, aged 86 years.

Lanyer, in the 60th year of his age, a native of the parish of Tusmagh, Kings county, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the isamily are requested to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 518 11th av., betweed 45th and 46th sts., to-day (Sunday), November 26, at one o'clock.

California papers please copy.

Lawson.—On Thursday, 23d inst., William Lawson, aged 41 years, the beloved husband of Margaret Lawson.

Belatives and friends of the family, and also memlicited.

Address Rev. E. S. Brown, Superintendent, No. 61
Park street, New York.

A CHARITABLE APPEAL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25, 1876.

Will the Herald kindly allow me to make an appea to its charitable readers on behalf of a poor old lady, a childless widow, in delicate health and with no one help her, who is endeavoring to raise funds sufficient to take her South, where she has friends who to take her South, where she has friends who will aid her in various ways if she can but get to them, though they are too poor to send the money for her journey? Hors has been a very sad story, though too long to relate here, and knowing her well I can suswer for her sincere gratitude for and appreciation of whatever assistance her happier and more prosperous fellow creatures may feel inclined to send her. Her address is Mrs. Hunter, No. 332 Sixth avenue.

CHARITY.

SUPPOSED MALPRACTICE.

Dr. M. Hermance, residing at No. 503 Fulton street Brooklyn, was called, on the 21st inst., to attend Mrs. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 114 West 38th st., on Sunday, the 26th inst, at elever A. M.; also members of Adelphia Lodge, No. 23. F. and A. M., and Hobrew Musual Benefit Society.

The members of the Forty-fourth street synagogue are hereby notified to attend the funeral of Maurics Levi, which will take place from 114 West 38th st., this (Sunday) morning, at eleven o'clock.

The members of the Hebrow Musual Benefit Society are hereby notified that the funeral of Maurice Levi will take place this (Sunday) morning, at eleven o'clock, from his late residence, 114 West 38th st., A. S. VAN PRAAG, President.

ADELPHIA LODGE, NO. 23, F. and A. M.—BRETHERS—You are hereby summened to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, Maurice Levi, from his late residence, No. 114 West 38th st., at eleven o'clock A. M. Sharp, Sunday morning. By order of Mrs. Main he discovered that she had been the victim of malpractice and asked her if such was not the case. of maipractice and asked her if such was not the case. In the presence of her husband the unfortunate woman told the doctor it was. When asked who the parties were who had committed the crime she absolutely refused to state, saying that she did not wish to implicate any one. All the facts of the case were ast forth in the certificate of death, which Dr. Hermance forwarded to the Health Board yesterday afternoon. The certificate was immediately forwarded to Coroner Simms by the Health Board, and that official at once ordered Dr. Shepard to make a post-mortem examination of the body. The Coroner also notified the police, and steps were at once taken for the arrest of the guity parties.

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Mrs. Mary Jann, a German midwife, residing at No. 269 Atlantic avenue, was arrested at a late-night by Captain Leavey and Sergeant Cade Third precinct, charged with malpractice on Main, of No. 319 Atlantic avenue, thereby can

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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Darr-Krige.—On Monday, November 6, by Rev. Father Cotton, at St. Stephen's church, John H. Darr to Kate S. Krige.

Gavin-Dorratt.—On Wednesday, November 22, at St. Francis Xavier's Church, by the Rev. Frederick W. Gockein, S. J., Dr. M. F. Gavin, F. R. C. S., of Boston, to Eller Therras Dourraty, of New York. No cards, Hall-Hitchcock.—On Thursday, September 28, 1876, at the residence of the bride, by the Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin, Charles E. Hall to Adriadde A., the only daughter of Oliver Hitchcock. Esq.

Knowlicon—Darre.—In Brocklyn, Wednesday evening, November 22, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Charles Homer, Emma L. Dams to Hunry W. Knowlicon, all of Brocklyn.

San Francisco papers please copy, Martin—Lyons.—November 22, Louis G. Martin, of West 21st R., to Miss Marka A. Lyons, of Jers y City. Redonon.—McCall.—In Rutland, V.L., on Wednesday, November 22, by the Rev. Father Gailney, John L. Riddonon, of New York, to Marn J. McCall, of the former place.

I. REDMOND, of New YORK, to MANIA J. MCCALL, of the former place.

SMITH—ROSDIGOH.—On Tuesday evening, November Rev. Dr. Adler, Micharl Smith to Ida M. Rosburght, als of this city.

WALSH—KERGAN.—On Tuesday, November 14, at St. Joachim's church, Frankford, Philadelphia, by Rev. Nicholas J. Walsh, Pastor, Micharl Walsh, editor Sunday Democrat, to Mark Kergan, of Fort Hamilton, L. I.

WINNING BOYN — In this city, on Thursday evening.

L. I. WINTER-BOYD.—In this city, on Thursday evening, November 23, at the residence of the bride's uncle, by the Rev. Mr. White, Joseph D. WINTER to JESSIE I. M., youngest aughter of Cotonel William H. Boy4, all of Washington, D. C. Ne cards.

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ALLIEN—Saturday evening, November 25, Tenir, daughter of Henry V. Allien, aged 21 years.
Notice of Inneral hereafter.
Bentley, —On wednesday, November 22, 1876, Thomas Bentley, in the 75th year of his age.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 15, Bridge st., on Sunday, November 26, at one o'clock F. M.
BOTLE—At his late residence, No. 313 Henry st., after a short but severe illness, Connective O. Botle, late of county Antrim, Ireland.
Notice of the inneral hereafter.
BRADY.—On Saturday, November 25, at his residence, No. 427 West 42a st., Prier Brady, native of the county Cavan, Ireland, aged 62 years.
Notice of funeral hereafter,
BRADY.—ANN ERADY, the beloved wife of Lawrence Brady, a maire of the county Monaghan, parish of Killaney, Ireland, in the 43d year of her age.
The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend ner funeral, on Sunday, the 28th inst., from her late residence, 527 West 44st st., atone o'clock P. M.
BROWN.—Of pneumonia, November 24, 1876, Mrs.
Emas Brown, sister of W. C. Brown, of London.
Funeral from the residence of her sister-in-law, 23
Gramercy Park, Monday, November 27, at one o'clock.
BRWYOS.—Mrs. MARGARET BREWYOS, daughter of Felix Clancy.
The inneral will take place this day (Sunday), at three o'clock, from the residence, 148 West 25th st., on

three o'clock, from the residence, 605 Deane at, Brookiyn.

BRUTONE.—At his residence, 148 West 25th st., on Friday morning, November 24, J. W. BARRETT BRUTONE, comedian.

The funeral services will be conducted in the Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian), 35th st., between Park and Lexington avs., beginning at two o'clock this (Sunday) afterneon. Members of the dramatic profession and other triends are respectfully invited to attend.

English and Australian papers please copy.

BURKE.—On Saturday, November 25, ALEXANDER

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, November 27, at one P. M., from 220 Madison st.

Burns.—On Thursday, November 23, William L.,
only son of the late Captain John and Hannan C.
Burns, of this city.

Relatives and triends, also the members of Company

months.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, the 27th inst., at two o'clock P. M., from her late residence, 212 (old number) 24 at., Jersey City. Friends are requested not te send flowers.

DE GARMENDIA.—At her residence, No. 11 East 12th st., Saturday, November 25, NARSIE SPALDING, willo olderlos 6. de Garmendia.

The funeral will take place at the Cathedral, in Baltimore, on Tuesday, November 28.

DUFFY.—In Brookiyn, on Saturday, November 25, Michard, Duffy; in the 56th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectively invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 130 Concord st., on Tuesday morning, at nine o'clock. His remains will be taken to the Church of the Assumption, corner of York and Jay sts., where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his sour; thence to the Cometery of the Holy Cross, Flatusch.

Buenys.—On Friday, November 24, in the 63d years.

Relatives and friends of the family, and also members et the Svea Society, are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 502 Greenwich st., this (Sunday) atternoon, at one o'clock.

Levi.—On Saturday, November 25, Maurics Levi, the beloved husband of Beisy Levi, in the 56th year of his ser.

of his age. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully

Sharp, Sunday morning. By order of MOSES MINZESHEIMER, Master.

M. J. Bennett, Secretary.

Lockwood.—At San Antonio, Texas, November 22,

I. Administr Lockwood, son of Isanc and Mary E.

Lockwood, of New York, aged 25 years,

MALOOLM.—On Friday, November 24, Thomas Malcolm, in the 57th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 116 West 53d st., on Sunday, the 26th inst., at one o'clock.

Marky.—On Friday, November 24, Mary Marky, aged 53.

MARRY.—Oh Friday, aged 53.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited te attend the funeral, from her late residence, 977 1st av., on Sunday, November 28.

McAlles.—In Newburg, N. Y., November 24, 1876,

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Thomas S. McAlles.

Funeral from Trinity Methodist Episcopal church,
Monday, at two o'clock P. M.

Neville.—On Saturday, the 25th, after a lingering
filness, Annik Kelly, beloved wite of Michael Neville,
aged 28.

The Juneral will take place, Monday, from her late
residence, 302 East 34th at., at two P. M.

Parmelee, in the city of Brooklyn, on Wednesday,
the 22c inst. Mrs. Matthe G. Parmelee, wife of George
II. Parmelee, in the 30th year of her age.

Funeral services were heid at Smithluwn, L. I.
Petreson.—November 24, 1876, John Petreson, a
native of Germany, aged 72 years.

Funeral will take pince at two o'clock to-day, from
18 Hamilton st., New York city.
Quinton.—On Saturday, November 25, John Quin70N, aged 71 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully
invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, November
27, at one o'clock, from his late residence, 420 West

Rayfer.—On Friday, November 24, Paraick Rayfer,
a native of Ballina, county Maye, Ireland, aged 39
years.

His remains will be taken from his late residence,
35 East lith st., on Monday, November 27, at six A.

R. to Hazelton, Pa., for interment.

Rawson.—Bucke Rayson, aged 57, Saturday evening,
about half-past ten o'clock, at bis late residence, 201
Mulberry st.

Due notice of funeral to-morrow.

Shith.—On Friday, November 24, Edwin A. Skitz,
In the 37th year of his age.

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Relatives and friends of the family, member of Columbian Lodge No. 484, F. and A. M., and ex-members of Victor Engine Company No. 13, of Brooklyn, E. D. are invited to attend the inneral, at half-past one P. M., Sunday, the 26th inst., from his late residence, No. 267 Mource St., Brooklyn.

Spader.—In Jersey City, on Friday, November 24, William M. Spader, aged 66 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the inneral services, on Sunday, November 26, at three o'clock, from the residence of Charles F. Case 296 Pavonia av., Jersey City, and at North Branch, M. J., on Monday, November 27, at eleven o'clock.

New Brunswick and Somerville (N. J.) papers please copy.

Opy. On Saturday, November 25, Mrs. Con-THESTON.—On Saturday, November 25, Mrs. Con-NELIA THESTON, in the 78th year of her age. The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 133 West 13th st., on Tuesday morning, at tes o'clock.

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WHIR.—On Friday morning, November 24, in the 20th year of his age, James S. Wein, late cashier of the Harlem Gaslight Company.

The timeral will take place from his late residence No. 216 East 85th St., this (Sunday) afternoon, at one o'clock. Relatives and triends are invited to attend. Whitlock, Mrs. Mary Any Whitlock, Mrs. Mary Any Whitlock, Mrs. Mary Any Whitlock, Mrs. Mary Any Whitlock, Salurdsy, November 25.

Funeral services in Methodist Episcopal church, Matawan, N. J., on Monday, 27th, at hill-past one P. M. Relatives and friends invited to inneral. Cars leave foot of Liberty st., New York, at 11:45 A. M.; arrive at Matawan at 1 P. M.

Wilson,—in Brooklyn, on Saturday, November 25, Comballa Wilson, widow of the late Captain David Wilson, in the 57th year of her age.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 1,506 Atamic av., on Tuesday, 28th inst., at one P. M. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral.

Bermuda papers please copy.

Young, aged 7 years, 3 months and 29 days.

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